

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 14th December 2020 at 6 pm
By Zoom conference**

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Mike Oldnall, Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Graham Banks, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe, Cllr Dale Pilchowski.

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: County Cllr Yvonne Constance

District Councillor: District Cllr Nathan Boyd.

Members of the Public: Mrs K Pilcher

270/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	Action
271/20	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
272/20	MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2020 Cllr Puddicombe proposed approving the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9 th November. Cllr Pilchowski seconded. RESOLVED.	
273/20	REPORT FROM THE UBW CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP Cllr Jenkins reported: a) London was moving into Tier 3. b) Two classes in Uffington School were closed last week due to COVID infections. c) Faringdon Rotary were looking for nominations for Young Citizen of the Year. Cllr Oberman suggested nominating the young people who helped to deliver prescriptions during the first lockdown.	FO
274/20	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING None	
275/20	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Constance had sent a written report which was circulated. At the meeting she reported: a) COVID vaccinations were available at the Churchill Hospital. There were also plans for vaccination centres in Abingdon, Witney and Faringdon. In addition GPs will start vaccinations. b) The Speedwatch programme was to be re-started. Cllr Constance hoped it would support an initiative for a 20mph speed limit in all towns and villages across the County, but this would not be enforced by the Police. The initiative would be offered to all Parish Councils but would not be compulsory. The initiative was still to be costed and it was not clear who would pay for it. c) Cllr Jenkins noted that OCC Highways had provided a cost to renew some of the road markings within the village in an attempt to help reduce speed; in some cases, this would require improvements to the road surface first. A cost for a new Speed Indication Device (SID) had also been provided. Cllr Jenkins asked whether Cllr Constance could assist with the funding for this. Cllr Constance stated that she was able to commit c£3,000 for this work in the area of the Old School Room, Church and School, and for the 30mph roundels on the main approach roads to the village, and for poles for the SID. She was awaiting costs for other projects before should could confirm whether there was any additional funding available. A discussion followed on the possible locations for poles for the SID and potential funding opportunities. Cllr Pilchowski suggested changing the traffic flow at the junction of White Horse and Station Road. Cllr Jenkins to discuss with OCC Highways, although it was felt that the suggestion would be too expensive. d) David Johnston MP had put in a bid for the restoration of the railway station at Grove. This was strongly supported by OCC but was not successful. Cllr Constance planned to resubmit next spring. e) Cllr Constance to send information on the Climate Action Framework. f) Cllr Constance to send information on the adjournment debate in parliament in which David Johnston MP raised the A420 problems. g) Cllr Jenkins requested an on-line link to CC newsletters, to facilitate further distribution. Cllr Constance to look into this. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	SJ YC YC YC
276/20	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Boyd reported:	

	<p>a) The Vale Community Hub was still functioning at the same capacity.</p> <p>b) Civil Parking Enforcement was agreed at full Council. It was to be rolled out in November 2021.</p> <p>c) There were still issues with the Vale website.</p> <p>d) Two COVID compliance marshals had been employed; they were financed from a Government grant.</p> <p>e) The Vale had submitted a statement on the spending review.</p> <p>f) The Vale were expecting a large deficit in the next financial year.</p> <p>g) The 2021 census was to be mainly digital.</p> <p>h) An official announcement on COVID vaccinations was expected on 15th December.</p> <p>i) Cllr Boyd had continued to chase for a response to the request for dog bins. He agreed to pursue the matter.</p> <p>j) The Parish Council was urged to respond to the planning applications for Baulking Lake. See Minute 284/20 below.</p> <p>Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.</p>	Cllr Boyd
277/20	OPEN FORUM Nothing raised.	
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
278/20	Old Schoolroom Update a) New footpath to the Old Schoolroom. The concept for the footpath was agreed at the November meeting. It had been established that Planning Permission and Listed Building consent were not required. The tenders received were considered. It was agreed to accept DMW Landscapes Ltd. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED.	KP
279/20	S106 and CIL Contributions a) Allotment Bridge. The enquiry was still with the Treasury Solicitor; Crowdy and Rose had been asked to chase for an update. The proposal to widen the footpath from Waylands estate into Mr Avenell's paddock had been sent to the School Governors and the Head Teacher who had sent it to OCC for review. Cllr Jenkins to send the details to Cllr Constance. b) Improvements to Footpath 19. Confirmation had been received from Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) that a grant of £4,000 had been awarded. Agreement had now been received from all the landowners involved for the installation of kissing gates. A response was awaited from White Horse Show Trust (WHST) to the application for a grant. On confirmation, an application would be made to the Vale for the balance to be paid from S106 funds. c) Improvements to Broadband. 50 residents had responded to the survey. Most respondents were interested in faster broadband but it would depend on the cost. Most respondents felt that their speeds were adequate. Cllr Oldnall to discuss the results with OCC (Better Broadband for Oxfordshire). Cllr Constance asked whether the Gigabyte Voucher Scheme had made inroads in Uffington; it had not but would be on the agenda for discussion with OCC. d) Other S106 Projects. The mower for Uffington Football Club was awaiting delivery.	SJ SJ MO
280/20	ACTIVE TRAVEL. Covered in minute reference 275/20 above.	
281/20	EMERGENCY PLAN. The Plan had been sent to the Vale and OCC. OCC were happy with it but had asked for GDPR consent for them having access to any personal data therein. This had been received from all individuals named. As a result, there were some changes to contact details. Cllr Jenkins to recirculate. All previous versions were to be deleted.	SJ
282/20	PROPOSAL FOR VILLAGE LENGTHMAN. The jobs had been agreed. There were four employment/contract options which had been circulated. A discussion followed on the suitability of each option. It was proposed that options 1 and 2 were ruled out, leaving option 3 (Contract) and option 4 (Call-Off Contract). Cllr Oldnall to develop an outline contract for further consideration.	MO
	PLANNING MATTERS	
283/20	New Applications to be considered: P20/V2912/HH – 19 Craven Common. Resubmission of drawings following approved planning permission. Approved rear single storey extension to extend by an additional metre. There were no objections to this application.	
284/20	To consider any new applications received since the publication of this agenda: Cllr Jenkins drew attention to two planning applications at Baulking Lake, as follows: a) Planning application P20/V2556/FUL - Change of use of former mineral workings land to a combined pedigree dog and cat breeding facility including the stationing of a temporary dwelling and associated development including, installing a Klargestar	

	<p>tank and hardstanding, for use by a Traveller family. (Amended description 3.12.20). Location: Maleficent Meadows Baulking Lane Baulking Faringdon SN7 8NR</p> <p>b) Planning application P20/V3005/FUL - Erection of agricultural livestock barn 30m x 10m. Location: The Fairmile Farm land at Baulking Lane Baulking SN7 8NR.</p> <p>Both were in Baulking Parish but appeared to be contrary to a number of policies in the Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan (UB NP); a considerable amount of infrastructure work had been completed in respect of application P20/V2556/FUL in advance of determination by the Vale. It was agreed that with the approval of Baulking Parish Meeting, the Parish Council should object to both applications in its capacity of sponsor of the UB NP. Cllr Jenkins to draft responses. Councillors were reminded that they were able to comment as individuals if they wished to add their personal views on the application.</p>	SJ
285/20	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P20/V1739/FUL and P20/V1740/LB. Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm. Retrospective application for conversion of dovecote to a dwelling. Awaiting determination.</p>	
	FINANCE	
286/20	<p>a) To approve December payments: The payments totalling £1438.46 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins; seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online.</p> <p>b) To review the draft budget for 2021/22. A draft had been circulated. Cllr Oldnall pointed out some minor changes; interest income had been reduced and the grant expenditure had been reduced to balance this. It had been prepared on the basis that there should not be an increase in the precept for 2021/22, in view of the difficulties caused to many families in the village by the pandemic. It was noted that even though the parish precept remained the same, it was only a small part of Council Tax, which might well rise. The budget was approved. Proposed Cllr Banks, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe. A precept of £26,660 was approved. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Oberman. The precept had to be submitted by 8 January 2021.</p>	SJ Clerk
	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST	
287/20	<p>a) Monthly play area inspection. Cllr Oberman reported that everything was in good order.</p> <p>b) Extension of hedge line. Cllr Oberman reported that Malcolm Hinton would dredge the pond on 15th December and would also prepare the area where new planting was to take place. After that a working party would be required to prepare the ground for planting. Cllr Oberman suggested agreeing a date for this at the January meeting.</p>	FO/SJ
	ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
288/20	<p>a) Review of Burial Ground fees. The fees were last reviewed and were increased in August 2019. It was agreed that there would be no changes. Next review December 2022.</p>	Clerk
	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)	
289/20	<p>a) The Pond. This was discussed in minute reference 287/20 b) above.</p> <p>b) Dredging the Stream around Jubilee Field. Cllr Jenkins to ask Malcolm Hinton for his view on this matter and the likely cost.</p> <p>c) Jubilee Field Spring Tidy. It was agreed that this would take place on the weekend of 21/22 March 2021.</p>	SJ
	GENERAL	
290/20	<p>a) Proposal to install a dog waste bin at Jacksmeadow. Cllr Boyd was still working on this.</p> <p>b) Website Accessibility. The first stage had been completed and the report reviewed. Cllr Oldnall was to pick up some of the actions, with the rest to be completed by Mark Woodman. It was planned to complete the work by February 2021.</p>	Cllr Boyd MO
291/20	<p>Consultations</p> <p>a) Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire. Responses were required by 4th January 2021. Cllr Jenkins to work on this.</p>	SJ
	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA	
292/20	<p>The following to be included on the January agenda:</p> <p>a) Cllr Jenkins announced his intention to stand down as Chairman. The appointment of a new Chair and Vice-Chair to be added to the January agenda.</p>	Clerk (agenda)
293/20	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Monday 11th January 2021 at 18.00 by Zoom conference.</p>	

The meeting closed at 19.36